



Arkansas Bee and Honey Report

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This report contains the results from the *Bee and Honey Survey*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for this survey.

2014 Arkansas Honey Production Up 3 Percent

Honey production during 2014 from Arkansas producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.37 million pounds, up 3 percent from 2013. There were 21,000 honey producing colonies in 2014, down 1,000 colonies from the previous year. Yield per colony averaged 65 pounds of honey, up 3 percent from 2013. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2014, were 137,000 pounds, up 108 percent from a year earlier. The state average price for honey decreased to \$2.00 per pound in 2014 from \$2.02 per pound in 2013. The total value of honey production totaled \$2.73 million, up 2 percent from the previous year.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Arkansas and U.S., 2013-2014¹

Item	Unit	Arkansas			United States		
		2013 ²	2014	% Change from '13	2013 ²	2014	% Change from '13
Honey Producing Colonies ³	1,000 Colonies	22	21	-5	2,640	2,740	+4
Yield per Colony	Pounds	60	65	+8	56.6	65.1	+15
Production	1,000 Pounds	1,320	1,365	+3	149,499	178,270	+19
Stocks on December 15 ⁴	1,000 Pounds	66	137	+108	38,160	41,192	+8
Average Price per Pound ⁵	Cents	202	200	-1	214.1	216.1	+1
Value of Production ⁶	1,000 Dollars	2,666	2,732	+2	320,077	385,241	+20

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State.

² Revised.

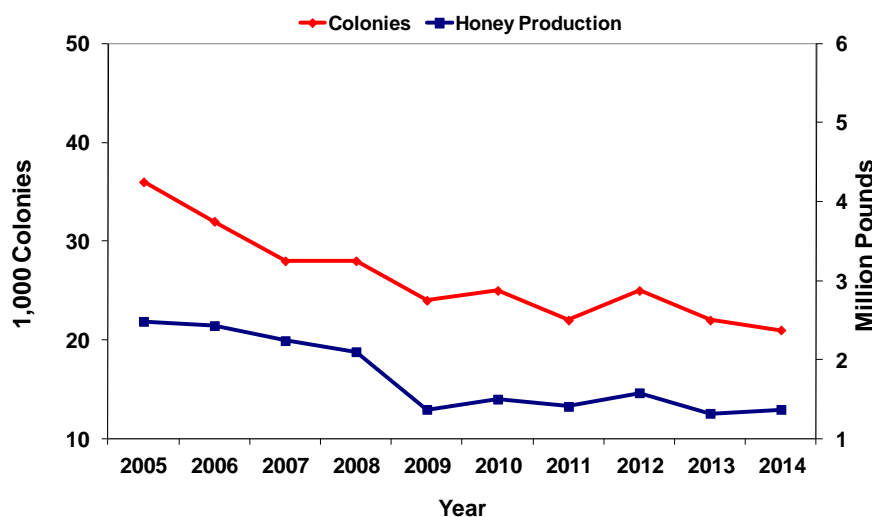
³ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

⁴ Stocks held by producers.

⁵ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁶ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

Honey Producing Colonies and Production, Arkansas, 2005-2014



Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 2013-2014

Color Class	Average Price per Pound by Marketing Channel								
	Co-op and Private			Retail			All		
	2013	2014	% Change from '13	2013	2014	% Change from '13	2013	2014	% Change from '13
	Cents per Pound			Cents per Pound			Cents per Pound		
All Honey	205.8	206.4	-	382.4	406.6	+6	214.1	216.1	+1
Water White, Extra White, and White	210.9	204.0	-3	340.9	327.1	-4	212.9	205.6	-3
Extra Light Amber	204.0	208.4	+2	330.6	381.8	+15	209.0	215.8	+3
Light Amber, Amber, and Dark Amber	197.3	207.7	+5	405.1	423.4	+5	219.2	232.3	+6
All Other Honey and Area Specialties	222.4	251.6	+13	492.5	525.2	+7	248.9	305.2	+23

All Honey, Price by Color Class, All Sales, United States, 2010-2014

